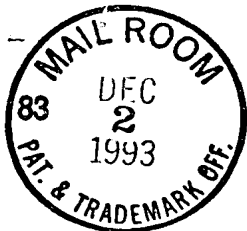


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In re Application of:

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Application No. 07/963,056
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For: ILLUMINATION DEVICES
AND OPTICAL FIBRES FOR
USE THEREIN

Group Art Unit: 2501

Examiner J. Lee

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DATE: November 29, 1993

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Action dated May 27, 1993. The time to respond to the Office Action expired on August 27, 1993 and a three-month extension of time is being applied for herewith that will extend the deadline to November 27, 1993.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An optical fibre for propagating light in a preselected direction, said fibre having a light emitting region, said light emitting region comprising a plurality of reflecting surfaces of optical quality extending into said fibre and arranged such that a portion of light propagating along said fibre and impinging upon said surfaces will be reflected out of said fibre by total internal reflection through a side wall thereof, at least one of said reflecting surfaces having a cross-sectional area less than that of said fibre.

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